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Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 11 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [ ]

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The Director:

A. Discussed the item in today's CIB concerning Iran and stated that he desired (1) a follow up on this item; (2) a brief assessment of the situation in this country. (NOTE: Mr. Becker later informed of the above and undertook to carry out DCI's instructions on this matter.) *3-18-52* Done.

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B. Noted the item in the Log concerning a joint operation with [ ] against Soviet installations [ ] and stated that to the contrary we should learn about [ ] trade with the Soviet orbit. *3-17-52*

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D. Noted that he was seeing Gen. Bolling tomorrow and at that time desired to have before him [ ] message concerning his conversation with Gen. Ridgway.

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Mr. Wisner:

A. Stated that the "Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania" referred to in today's Log was not one of our organizations.

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C. Noted that Colonel Johnston and [ ] would dock today.

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D. Referred to the cable concerning the defection of the Czech Commercial Attache in Mexico [ ]

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

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E. Stated that (1) we had stirred up some life in the BW counterattack and had used the Director's suggestions in this matter; (2) the Communist BW campaign might well be a cover for (a) break-down in the peace negotiations and (b) resumption of full-scale operations in Korea. The Director discussed ways and means of overcoming our inertia in taking counteraction on Russian propaganda and stated we should be organized in order to take immediate counteraction to any and all Russian propaganda and we had nothing to lose by "using the bigger lie." In connection with (a) and (b) above, the Director stated that we should produce a special estimate on these points without delay. (NOTE: Mr. Becker undertook to do this.) Done.

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F. Stated that [ ] had advised him that [ ] was somewhat upset over war planning in SHAPE and that [ ] had suggested we write a letter to [ ]. After some discussion, the Director stated that (1) this was a SHAPE matter and should be discussed with Gen. Gruenther; (2) since [ ] was here Mr. Wisner should talk it over with him. Mr. Wisner undertook to do this and also to discuss with [ ] our proposed letter to [ ].

Mr. Becker briefly discussed the item in today's Log concerning [ ] report. The Director stated that we need not worry about this and that he would discuss this matter with [ ].

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